

wherein the other compound includes a protein.

44 (Original). An assembly according to claim 42

wherein the other compound includes a toxin.

45 (Original). An assembly according to claim 42

wherein the other compound includes a chemical moiety.

#### **REMARKS**

The Applicant elects, without traverse, Claims 17 to 45 (Examiner's Group II).

Claims 1 to 16 have been canceled as directed to a non-elected invention.

The Applicant does not understand the rationale behind the requirement of Election of Species L (Fig. 5); M (Fig. 6), and N (Fig. 7), as it relates to Group II. Figs. 5, 6, and 7 relate to intravenous catheters (the subject of the Group I claims), not to blood processing systems, which is the subject matter of the elected Group II claims. The source of Applicant's confusion is that Applicant believes that various species of the subject matter defined in the Group II claims are arguably shown in Figs. 8, 9, and 10A/10B, but none of these species are offered by the Examiner for election with regard to Group II (although they are with respect to Group I, which is also confusing to the Applicant). Perhaps the Examiner intended the election of Species L, M, and N to be required if Group I – and not Group II -- was elected. On the basis of this confusion, Applicant respectfully traverses the election of proposed species requirement.

Mindful that an election of species must be made, even though traversed, Applicant elects Species M (Fig. 6), with the intention that elected species pertains to blood processing systems in which an adsorption medium is housed in a chamber, in contrast to the adsorption medium being impregnated in a tubing wall Species L (Fig. 5), or in contrast to the adsorption medium being incorporated in an indwelling catheter Species N (Fig. 7) – although it is believed that the Species M (Fig. 6) species can be coupled in-line with an indwelling catheter, and such an embodiment is not intended to be precluded from the election of Species M.

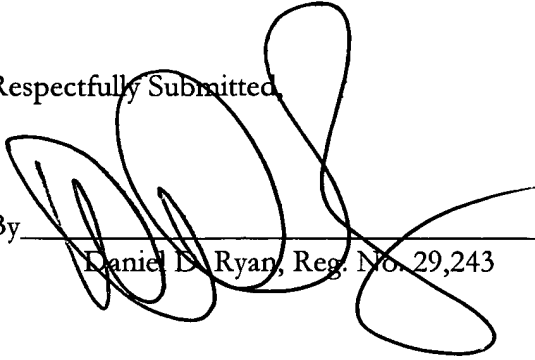
It is believed that all claims 17 to 45 read on Species M, and that all claims 17 to 45 are generic.

Claims 17 to 45 remain in the application. Of these, claims 17 and 33 are the independent system claims.

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